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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, SN, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR: FLYING TIGER OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE

REF: A) SINGAPORE 228, B) STATE 13024

1. I AM PREPARED TO CALL ON SIM KEE BOON ON BEHALF OF
FLYING TIGER LINE AS REQUESTED IN REF B, BUT I HOPE THAT THE
DEPARTMENT CAN FIRST PROVIDE FULL BACKGROUND ON THE REASONS
WHY FTL CHANGES THE FLIGHT NUMBER IN HONG KONG OF FTL 45/48.
THIS CHANGE IS THE REASON, OR AT LEAST PROVIDES THE EXCUSE,
FOR THE GOS'S RESTRICTIONS.

2. A VISITING FTL REPRESENTATIVE, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR
APPROVAL OF HIS SUPERIORS, TOLD ONE OF MY STAFF THAT THE
REASON FOR THE FLIGHT'S ORIGINATION IN HONG KONG AND THE
CHANGE IN FLIGHT NUMBERS THERE IS RELATED TO RESTRICTIONS ON
FLIGHTS BEYOND HONG KONG PLACED ON FTL BY THE US-PHILIPPINES
AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. (ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, FTL
FLIGHT 45 ORIGINATES IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND PROCEEDS TO HONG KONG
VIA SEATTLE, ANCHORAGE, TOKYO, AND MANILA. AT
HONG KONG IT CHANGES TO FLIGHT 48 AND PROCEEDS TO KENNEDY
VIA SINGAPORE, KAOHSIUNG, OSAKA, TOKYO, AND ANCHORAGE.)
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KNOWLEDGE OR SUSPICION OF THIS FACTOR MAY WELL BE THE
REAL BASIS FOR THE GOS POSITION. BEFORE TALKING WITH
SIM I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE IN FULL POSSESSION
OF THE FACTS AND TO BE CERTAIN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
CONFLICT BETWEEN FTL'S OPERATIONS HERE AND U.S. AGREE-
MENTS WITH SINGAPORE AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
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